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A BANNER WHEAT CROP FORECAST FOR TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE, June 11, 2013 – A very good wheat harvest is just around the horizon for Tennessee wheat growers. The crop is forecast to be 31.5 million bushels, up almost 50 percent from the previous season. The per acre return at 67.0 bushels per acre, if realized, would be the second best on record. This forecast is based on a June 1 survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service located in Nashville, Tennessee.

The crop, all season, has been developing at a pace about a week behind normal and on June 1 was just beginning to ripen. Disease and insect pressure have been light to moderate but kept under control. In total, Tennessee farmers seeded 550,000 acres last fall, up 31 percent from the previous year. Wheat producers expect to harvest 470,000 acres as grain, 130,000 more than a year ago. The remaining 80,000 acres will be used as a cover crop or will be harvested for hay or silage.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 8 percent from 2012. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.1 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month but down 1.1 bushels from last year. As of June 2, thirty-two percent of the winter wheat crop in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 20 percentage points below the same week in 2012. Nationally, 73 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by June 2, seven percentage points behind the 5-year average pace.

Hard Red Winter production, at 781 million bushels, is up 2 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 509 million bushels, is up 2 percent from May. White Winter, at 219 million bushels, is up 1 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 11.5 million bushels are Hard White and 207 million bushels are Soft White.

Winter Wheat: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., June 1, 2013 with Comparisons¹

State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	450	580	55.0	56.0	24,750	32,480
Georgia	230	350	49.0	53.0	11,270	18,550
Kentucky	470	560	62.0	70.0	29,140	39,200
Mississippi	345	375	57.0	57.0	19,665	21,375
Missouri	690	950	57.0	52.0	39,330	49,400
North Carolina	750	920	57.0	59.0	42,750	54,280
TENNESSEE	340	470	63.0	67.0	21,420	31,490
Virginia	240	270	65.0	64.0	15,600	17,280
United States	34,834	32,709	47.2	46.1	1,645,202	1,509,142

¹ 2013 forecast, 2012 final.